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PATENT 3940/3928A (CPA)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Chen, et al.
CONTINUED
APPLICATION OF
SERIAL NO: 08/997,774
FILED: December 24, 1997 with a first CPA filed November 21, 2000
TITLE: CATALYTIC CONVERTER SYSTEM FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE POWERED VEHICLES
ART UNIT: 1764
EXAMINER: H. Tran

March 29, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES


Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed December 29, 2000 finally rejecting claims 1-15 and 17-20.

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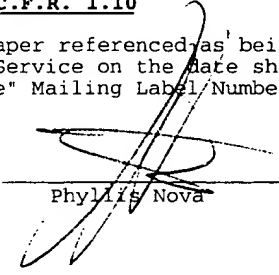

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